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REMARKS FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

25X1 SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Visit Project Headquarters

25X1 1. On 26 Nov [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] visited Project Headquarters and not with Mr. John Ferengosky after determining that the DD/P was unavailable.

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25X1 2. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was approached by an unnamed representative of Bellanca Aircraft Corporation, allegedly because of interest indicated by someone, unidentified, in NASA and CIA, for the purpose of determining if [REDACTED] would prepare a camera proposal for use in the Mercury program. [REDACTED] asked if the identity of the NASA or CIA people interested in the foregoing is known. When told that a quick check revealed that Project Headquarters had no information about this matter, [REDACTED] indicated that he would check with [REDACTED] Mr. Adlard [REDACTED] however, at NASA.

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25X1 3. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] can prepare an attractive camera proposal for a recoverable Mercury capsule utilizing a new 70, 84, or 96 mm lens system, 4-configuration components, and thin base film for a 3-day operation. This system would be capable of resolving five feet on the ground. Further, [REDACTED] could have a camera available for flight within ten months time. [REDACTED] pointed out that due to the stress on reliability in the recovery phase of the Mercury capsule, this approach should provide a high degree of probability for camera recovery. [REDACTED] felt that since the Mercury program plans a number of firings, for test purposes, without astronauts aboard, the inclusion of a camera should be an attractive substitute package to the intelligence community. [REDACTED] felt strongly that some interim system should be of interest to the intelligence community until SAMOS becomes operational.

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25X1 4. [REDACTED] stated that if the DD/P is interested in the foregoing, [REDACTED] at its own expense, would prepare a proposal for presentation to the DD/P. [REDACTED] however, would not wish to undergo the expense of working up a formal proposal unless the DD/P enforces the idea as having merit. [REDACTED] was told that the foregoing would be brought to the attention of the DD/P.

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5. My subject: [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] may supply two A-2 cameras to [redacted] International for use in two modified QH drones. If [redacted] International receives a contract from the USAF as expected on 3 June, [redacted] will be required to deliver to [redacted] two (2) A-2 cameras by 31 July. According to [redacted], [redacted]

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[redacted] are the cognizant USAF officers of this project. Colonel [redacted] states that the above officers are assigned to USAF [redacted] Operations at the Pentagon.

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for WILLIAM [redacted]
Colonel USAF
Acting Chief, DPL-11/

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